

Monday: 24 05 21

John 2:1-11

Reflection: The first miracle performed by Jesus. He turns water into wine. He used water jars used for ritual cleaning. These jars are used to wash the feet of guests. As such they are deemed unclean for use for food or drink. Yet Jesus is able to create perfect wine for the wedding feast.

Application: We each or like the jars before we accept the Lord. Dirty and of no real use to God. Our sins have tarnished and sullied us with a thick dirt that no amount of cleaning (our works) could ever clean. Yet Jesus is able to clean us and make us acceptable to God our Father.

Challenge: How much we owe God can never be measured. We should be amazed by His Grace.

Tuesday: 25 05 21

John 4:46-54

Reflection: The story tells us of a man whose son was gravely ill and close to death. He heard that Jesus. He went to ask Him to heal his son. There are several stages of faith expressed. Such as Beginning, Persistent and Trusting. The man starts off seeking Jesus. He then is persistent in his request. When Jesus tells him his son would live; he trusted.

Application: It seems sad that the majority of those who seek salvation only do so when faced with a tragedy. Who wonderful it is when salvation is sought after in joy and worship.

Challenge: Who do you know that needs to hear the Gospel message today?

Wednesday: 26 05 21

5:1-15

Reflection: The healing of the cripple by the pool named Bethesda can teach us about Jesus and his ministry. The man lay near the pool and yet was never able to get in. As there was nobody to help him. Jesus heals him and then departs. Later he sees him and reminds him of the healing. But more importantly he tells him not to sin again. He didn't say he could live as he wanted to. He set him straight as to what would happen if he did sin again.

Application: In our world people like to rip verses that they like and forget others. They like Jesus loving them but ignore his divine judgement.

Challenge: We all have sinned and continue to do so. We need to consider each choice as important.

Thursday: 27 05 21

6:5-14

Reflection: The feeding of the multitude is perhaps one of the best known miracles. We can see here two ways of solving a problem. The miracle here is to instruct the disciples. To teach them that they shouldn't rely on human answers. But to start with a direct appeal to God. As Jesus blesses the food.

Application: How easy it is for the world to trick us into believing that all we need is human answers. That everything we need can be found in the world or the physical. So often we start to answer the quest with a worldly answer instead of seeking God.

Challenge: God is the answer. The question really doesn't matter in the end.

Friday: 28 05 21

Matthew 14:22-33

Reflection: Jesus told his disciples to go ahead of him while he stayed behind. They may have thought he would take another boat later. Later as the boat was tossed by wind and waves he approached them walking on the water. Peter asks if it is him could he call him to Jesus on the water. Jesus calls him and Peter starts to sink. The chaos of the moment had overtaken his zeal.

Application: In life we can be pushed off our feet by the chaos of the world we live in. Things can take on an immediate threatening feel. When what we need to do is to hold on to our faith.

Challenge: When in trouble or in doubt take a deep breath and pray. God is able.

Saturday: 29 05 21

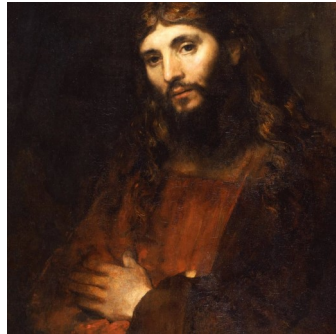
John 9:1-7

Reflection: This is a practical application verse. The disciples were more interested in the theological reason the man was blind. With little regard for healing him. While Jesus explained to them that it was their job to do the good works of Him who had sent Jesus. He was teaching them importance of the work over the arguments that can easily distract people.

Application: In Church we can sometimes get side tracked with logic and reasoning. Both are worldly and neglect the call to minister.

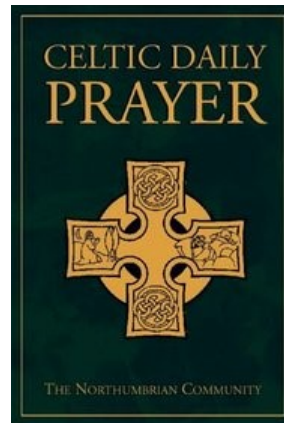
Challenge: This week is all but over. Was there a chance to seek to heal? Faith in action?

## *My Lord*



My Lord,  
In prayerful thoughts,  
I close my eyes in wonder,  
Your love for me,  
Your grace for me,  
Is boundless like the galaxy.  
I'm deeply moved to tears,  
To be with you,  
I'll follow you Lord, where err you go.  
For you are life.  
My Lord.

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## Six days to Sunday



**Stepping Stones of Faith**

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and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,  
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.*



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